

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 through 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A video recording and editing apparatus comprising:

first recording means for recording image data and first reference type data referring to ~~said the~~ image data on a recording medium in a video recording operation; and

second recording means for recording second reference type data referring to one or a plurality of ~~said the~~ image data and/or to one or a plurality of ~~said the~~ first reference type data on the recording medium in a video editing operation.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first recording means automatically generates the first reference type data according to an operation for recording the input image data on the recording medium and records ~~said the generated~~ first reference type data; ~~which is automatically generated according to operation for recording said input image data on said recording medium;~~ on ~~said the~~ recording medium in the video recording operation.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second recording means generates the second reference type data on the basis of the image data and/or the first reference type data which has been recorded on the recording medium by said first recording means and records ~~said the generated~~ second reference type data; ~~which is generated on~~

the basis of said image data and/or said first reference type data which has been recorded on said recording medium by said first recording means; on said the recording medium in the video editing operation.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first recording means records said the first reference type data; ~~which~~ is automatically generated according to an operation for recording said the input image data on said the recording medium; on said recording medium; and said second recording means records said the second reference type data; ~~which~~ is generated on the basis of said the image data and/or said the first reference type data which has been recorded on said the recording medium by said first recording means; on said recording medium.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising editing means for editing said the first reference type data, wherein said editing means edits at least one first reference type data to generate said the second reference type data.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said editing means can perform at least one of editing processes of division, combination, and partial deletion of said the image data.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said the first reference type data has a first time coordinate system and directly refers to said the recorded

image data, and said the second reference type data has a second time coordinate system independent of said the first time coordinate system and indirectly refers to said the image data by referring to said the first reference type data.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said the first reference type data is moving image data including QuickTime or an expansion format of QuickTime.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said the second reference type data is play list data describing a reproducing mode of said the image data recorded on said recording medium.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising reproducing means for reproducing data recorded on said the recording medium, wherein said reproducing means can reproduce respective image data according to said the first reference type data and said the second reference type data.

11. (Currently Amended) A video recording and editing apparatus comprising:
a recording unit which records image data and first reference type data referring to said the image data on a recording medium in a video recording operation; and
an editing unit which generates second reference type data referring to one or a plurality of said the image data and/or to one or a plurality of said the first reference type data on

the recording medium in a video editing operation.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said recording unit automatically generates said the first reference type data to record said the first reference type data on said the recording medium in the video recording operation, in accordance with an operation for recording said the input image data on said the recording medium.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said editing unit generates said the second reference type data to record said the second reference type data[[,]] on said the recording medium in the video editing operation, on the basis of said the image data and/or said the first reference type data which has been recorded on said the recording medium by said recording unit.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said recording unit automatically generates said the first reference type data to record said the first reference type data on said the recording medium in the video recording operation, in accordance with the operation for recording said the input image data on said the recording medium, and said editing unit generates said the second reference data to record said the second reference type data on said the recording medium in the video editing operation, on the basis of said the image data and/or said the first reference type data which has been recorded on said the recording medium by said recording unit.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said the first reference type data has a first time coordinate system and directly refers to said the recorded image data, and said the second reference type data has a second time coordinate system independent of said the first time coordinate system and indirectly refers to said the image data by referring to said the first reference type data.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a reproducing unit which reproduces data recorded on said the recording medium, wherein said reproducing unit can reproduce respective image data according to said the first reference type data and said the second reference type data.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said the first reference type data is moving image data including QuickTime or an expansion format of QuickTime, and said the second reference type data is play list data describing a reproducing mode of said the image data recorded on said recording medium.

18. (Currently Amended) A video recording and editing method comprising:
a first recording step of recording image data and first reference type data referring to said the image data on a recording medium in a video recording operation; and
a second recording step of recording second reference type data referring to one or a plurality of said the image data and/or to one or a plurality of said the first reference type data on the recording medium in a video editing operation.